DESU Equipments

1748. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item which appeared in the Hindustan Times of the 20th July 1986, to the effect that D. E. S. U. equipments worth crores of rupees purchased for six power sub-stations are rusting; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and reasons for their lying unutilised?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The DESU had proposed to instal six sub-stations of 66 KV which were originally planned for energisation during June-July, 1986. There has, however, been some delay in the installation|commissioning of these sub-stations due to various reasons. The material received for installation|commissioning of these sub-stations is progressively being installed and the work is at different stages. As per the present estimate of DESU, these six sub-stations are expected to be commissioned between August to December, 1986.

ONGC Projects

1749. SHRI MOSTAFA BIN QUASEM: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Oil and Natural Gas Commission projects are going behind schedule as well as below traget although the cost has increased by Rs. 680 crores over the approved cost;

(b) if so, what are the reasons for such delayed and below par performance; and

(c) what corrective measures have been taken by Government and the results achieved so far in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) to (c) Presumably the reference is to the Accelerated Plan of production (APP).

The APP was approved for a cost of Rs. 2960.33 crores (including SH & NQ Complex) and was to be executed within the VI Plan period. The objective of the project was to achieve a production traget of 63.14 million tonnes of crude in the VI Plan.

The actual crude production has been 63.365 million tonnes during the plan period and the project is estimated to cost Rs. 2861.62 crores till its completion in 1987. The delay is mainly due to slippages in fabrication|supply of equipment by indigenous suppliers, change in scope necessitated by reservoir consideration etc.

Efforts have been made for closer monitoring and interaction with indigenous suppliers.

Proposals for Thermal Power Projects in Maharashtra

1750. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government of Maharashtra have submitted to the central Government a number of proposals concerning thermal power projects;

(b) whether the proposals have been considered; and

(c) if so, what are the details in this regard?